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1. USDOC FULLY APPRECIATES EMBASSY INTEREST IN CULTURAL AND ESTHETIC VALUES OF INFLATABLE OR GEODESIC DOME STRUCTURE FOR U.S. PAVILION AT SUBJECT EVENT HOWEVER, REALITIES OF TIME AND EXPENSE PRECLUDE ALL BUT USE OF PAST PAVILION WITH LOCAL CONSTRUCTION AS DETAILED REFTEL (B) USDOC NOT REPEAT NOT ABLE TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR DOME OR INFLATABLE BUILDING PURCHASE WITH PROBABLE POST-SHOW SALE. ESSENTIAL NOW THAT DISPLAY CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE BE OBTAINED WITHIN FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS REFTEL B.

2. REGARDLESS OF PARA 1, USDOC ANSWERS QUERIES OF REFTEL A, AS FOLLOWS: (A) REFTEL B, PARA. 3A AND 3B ARE SEPARATE QUOTATIONS FROM TWO MANUFACTURERS. (B) AIR STRUCTURE BID INCLUDED AIR CONDITIONERS BUT GEODESIC DOME DID NOT BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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COOLING ESSENTIAL IN SEALED INFLATED BUILDING WHILE AIR

FLOW POSSIBLE IN DOME. (C) TWO 25-TON AIR CONDITIONER UNITS QUOTED FOR AIR STRUCTURE IN BELIEF THAT AMBIENT CONDITIONS ARE SAME AS SEPT. TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL FAIR REQUIREMENTS.

(D) TWO 25-TON A.C. COSTS IN BID WERE 6300 U.S. DOLLARS EACH. (E) FOUR REVOLVING DOORS CAN BE INDIVIDUALLY SPECIFIED AT ANY LOCATION. (F) AIR LOCK QUOTED IS FREIGHT ENTRY/EXIT DOOR 3M HIGH X 3 M WIDE X 7.2 M DEEP. (G) ELIMINATION INFLATABLE BUILDING INTERIOR LIGHT POLES SAVES 2280 U.S. DOLLARS. (H) ESTIMATED CONCRETE SLAB AND ENTRY PAD REQUIREMENTS, NOT INCLUDED IN BID PRICE BUT GIVEN IN TERMS OF TOTAL CONCRETE REQUIRED (APPROX. 167 CU METERS) FOR EITHER BUILDING TO FACILITATE LOCAL DAMASCUS COSTING OF

THIS GROUND PREPARATION WORK PRIOR TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION. (I) COMPETANT CONTRACTOR, CAN ERECT EITHER GEODESIC DOME OR INFLATABLE BUILDING FROM DETAILED PLANS PROVIDED. FACTORY CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR COST QUOTED ONLY IF DESIRED. (J) AIR STRUCTURE DESIGNED TO MEET 80 MPH WINDS. (K) NEW YORK SHIPPING OFFICE RESEARCHING ALTERNATE OVERLAND ROUTES, IE. TRIESTE, ETC. INGERSOLL

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